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who might be permitted to dispose of them at the Allams on payment of *mêlvaram* to the Sirkar.

Dewan's reply.—The resuscitation of the Kolachel Allam has been already ordered. In regard to the sale of salt, some arrangement will be made for the future.

71. *Appointment of managers for mosques.*

Mr. Oosan Pillai Kulamytheen Pillai of Eraniel (Member, Nominated) said that, owing to differences and dissensions, their mosques were being mismanaged and requested that, wherever Mahomedans lived in large numbers, Government might be pleased to appoint proper persons from among the leading residents as managers and entrust them with the duty of managing the affairs of the local mosques.

Dewan.—You would propose then that the Sirkar should take up this duty.

Member.—Yes. I would request the Sirkar to select from among Mahomedans proper persons as managers.

Dewan.—In matters connected with religion, is it not inexpedient for the Sirkar to interfere?

Member.—This is not a purely religious matter. Besides, such things are being done by Government in respect of, for instance, Devaswoms.

Dewan's reply.—If the institutions concerned are in receipt of any grant from Government, then there would be some justification for them to step in and do the needful. However, think over the matter and state definitely in what way you would ask Government to help you in this matter.

The same member also represented—

72. *Administering oath to Mahomedans.*

(1) That it was viewed as objectionable that non-Mahomedans should handle the Koran in Courts and administer oath to Mahomedans: and

73. *Exemption of Mahomedans from attendance in Courts on Fridays.*

(2) That no case in which Mahomedans have to appear as parties or witnesses should be heard on Friday that being a religious day for them.

Dewan's reply.—A circular has been issued by the High Court in regard to the first point. In cases where the order is not followed, the fact may be brought to the notice of the High Court. The question of attendance in Courts on Fridays will be considered.

74. *Retail sale of salt.*

Mr. T. Kumara Pillai (Member, Taluk Association, Padmanabhapuram) said that the people were being put to loss on account of the recent order of Government stopping the retail sale of salt in Bankshalls. The people had

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